

### AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

Please amend the claims as follows. This listing of claims shall replace all prior versions and listings of the claims.

1. Cancelled.

2. (Currently Amended) A method comprising :

receiving an offer to enter into an agreement during a present time to purchase or sell a vehicle at a designated future date of delivery of the vehicle, a first parameter associated with a transaction of a durable good at a future date, in which the durable good comprises a vehicle and the offer defining a first parameter comprising ~~comprises~~ at least one of: a year of the vehicle, a manufacturer of the vehicle and a model of the vehicle;

generating a futures contract for the vehicle based on the offer ~~first parameter~~;

storing the futures contract in a database;

receiving a query comprising a second parameter, the second parameter comprising at least one of: a year of a vehicle, a manufacturer of a vehicle and a model of a vehicle;

determining that at least one first parameter of each of a plurality of futures contracts matches the second parameter of the query;

transmitting ~~a~~ the plurality of futures contracts in response to the query, ~~in which each transmitted contract comprises at least one first parameter that matches the second parameter of the query;~~

receiving a request to select a futures contract from the plurality of transmitted futures contracts; ~~and~~

generating an agreement to exchange ownership of the vehicle ~~durable good~~ associated with the selected contract at the designated future date in accordance with the selected futures contract and at a specified location; and

delivering the vehicle ~~durable good~~, in accordance ~~to~~ with the agreement, ~~to the specified location~~ on the future date.

3. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, in which the first parameter and second parameter comprise at least one of:

- (1) a category field,
- (2) a ~~durable good~~ vehicle details field,
- (3) a ~~future~~ futures contract period field, and
- (4) a search query field.

4. Cancelled.

5. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, in which the first parameter and the second parameter comprise at least one of:

- a definition for the vehicle ~~durable good~~,
- a price for the vehicle ~~durable good~~, and
- specifications for the vehicle ~~durable good~~.

6. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, in which the first parameter and the second parameter comprise at least one of:

- a transfer of ownership date; and
- an expiration date.

7. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, in which the first parameter and the second parameter comprise:

a first date at which ownership of the vehicle ~~durable good~~ is available for transfer,  
a second date at which ownership of the vehicle expires, and a value of the vehicle at the  
second date.

8. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, in which the first parameter and the second parameter comprise:

- a date at which the selected futures contract expires.

9-37. Cancelled.

38. (Previously Presented) An apparatus comprising:

a processor; and

a memory, in which the memory stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 2.

39. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 38, in which the memory stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 3.

40. Cancelled.

41. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 38, in which the memory stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 5.

42. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 38, in which the memory stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 6.

43. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 38, in which the memory stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 7.

44. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 38, in which the memory stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 8.

45-73. Cancelled.

74. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2 further comprising:  
receiving the first parameter and the second parameter through a trading interface,  
in which the trading interface comprises:  
a form element for a user to specify the first parameter and the second parameter;  
and  
a button selectable by the user in order to submit the first parameter and the second  
parameter.

75. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2 further comprising:  
receiving an acceptance of the agreement.

76-79. Cancelled.

80. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, in which the transaction comprises  
purchasing and selling the vehicle  ~~durable good~~ at the future date.

81. Cancelled.

82. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 further comprising:  
searching the database for a futures contract, in which the at least one futures  
contract comprises at least one first parameter that matches the second parameter of the  
query.

83. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 further comprising:  
listing a futures contract, in which the futures contract comprises at least one first  
parameter that matches the second parameter of the query.

84. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, further comprising:

receiving a request for information associated with at least one of the plurality of transmitted futures contracts; and  
transmitting the information.

85. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, further comprising:  
receiving a request to compare at least two of the plurality of transmitted futures contracts; and  
comparing the at least two of the plurality of transmitted futures contracts.

86. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 38, in which the memory stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 74.

87. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 38, in which the memory stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 75.

88-91. Cancelled.

92. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 38, in which the memory stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 80.

93. Cancelled.

94. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 38, in which the memory stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 82.

95. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 38 , in which the memory stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 83.

96. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 38, in which the memory stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 84.

97. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 38, in which the memory stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 85.

98. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, in which the vehicle comprises at least one of:

an automobile, a water craft and an aircraft.

99. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, in which the first parameter comprises at least two of:

a category of the vehicle ~~durable good~~, a name of the vehicle ~~durable good~~, a description of the vehicle ~~durable good~~, a first date at which ownership of the vehicle ~~durable good~~ is available for transfer, a second date at which the futures contract expires, a price of the vehicle ~~durable good~~ that is designated by a seller of the vehicle ~~durable good~~, and a value of the vehicle ~~durable good~~ at the second date.

100. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 further comprising:

generating a value of the vehicle ~~durable good~~ at a date at which ownership of the vehicle ~~durable good~~ is available.

101. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 100, in which generating the value of the vehicle ~~durable good~~ further comprises:

evaluating a plurality of factors, in which the plurality of factors comprises ~~at least one of~~:

- a demand for the vehicle ~~durable good~~,
- an availability of the vehicle ~~durable good~~ in a marketplace,
- a category of the vehicle ~~durable good~~, a type of the durable good,
- an age of the vehicle ~~durable good~~ and
- a condition of the vehicle ~~durable good~~.

102. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 2, further comprising:  
transmitting a plurality of terms associated with an execution of the agreement.

103. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 102, in which the plurality of terms comprises ~~at least one of~~:

- a period of the agreement,
- a method of payment,
- a method of delivery,
- an amount of liquidity damage resulting from a breach of the agreement, and
- a fee associated with the amount of liquidity damage.

104. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 102 further comprising:  
receiving an acceptance of the plurality of terms; and  
receiving an acceptance of the agreement.

105. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2, in which the agreement comprises  
an exchange of ownership in the vehicle ~~durable good~~ for a price, in which the  
vehicle ~~durable good~~ is associated with the selected futures contract.

106. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 2 further comprising:  
delivering the vehicle ~~durable good~~ at the future date, in which the vehicle ~~durable~~  
~~good~~ is associated with the selected futures contract.

107. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 38, in which the memory stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 98.

108. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 38, in which the memory stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 99.

109. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 38, in which the memory stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 100.

110. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 109, in which the memory stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 101.

111. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 38, in which the memory stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 102.

112. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 111, in which the memory stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 103.

113. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 111, in which the memory stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 104.



114. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 38, in which the memory stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 105.

115. (Previously Presented) The apparatus of claim 38, in which the memory stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 106.

116. (Previously Presented) An article of manufacture comprising:  
a storage medium, in which the storage medium stores instructions which, when executed by a processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claims 2.

117. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 116, in which the storage medium stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 74.

118. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 116, in which the storage medium stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 75.

119. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 116, in which the storage medium stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 80.

120. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 116, in which the storage medium stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 82.

121. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 116, in which the storage medium stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 83.

122. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 116, in which the storage medium stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 84.

123. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 116, in which the storage medium stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 85.

124. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 116, in which the storage medium stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 98.

125. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 116, in which the storage medium stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 99.

126. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 116, in which the storage medium stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 100.

127. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 126, in which the storage medium stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 101.

128. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 116, in which the storage medium stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 102.

129. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 128, in which the storage medium stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 103.

130. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 128, in which the storage medium stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 104.

131. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 116, in which the storage medium stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 105.

132. (Previously Presented) The article of manufacture of claim 116, in which the storage medium stores instructions which, when executed by the processor, direct the processor to perform the method of claim 106.

133. (Currently Amended) A method comprising:

submitting a request comprising a first parameter associated with the transaction of a vehicle ~~durable good~~ at a time designated in the future, ~~in which the durable good comprises a vehicle~~;

receiving a plurality of futures contracts in response to the request, in which each futures contract comprises a second parameter that matches with the first parameter;

selecting from the plurality of received futures contracts a futures contract associated with an offer to enter into an agreement during a present time to purchase or sell a vehicle at a designated future date of delivery of the vehicle ~~from the plurality of received contracts~~;

receiving an agreement to exchange ownership in the vehicle ~~durable good~~ at the future date ~~and at a specified location~~, in which the agreement is generated from the selected futures contract; and

receiving the vehicle ~~durable good~~, in accordance to the agreement, ~~at the specified location~~ on the future date.

134. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 133, in which the transaction comprises one of purchasing and selling the vehicle ~~durable good~~ at the future date.

135. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 133, in which the vehicle comprises at least one of: an automobile, a water craft and an aircraft.

136. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 133, in which one of the first parameter and the second parameter comprises at least one of:

a category of the vehicle ~~durable good~~, a name of the vehicle ~~durable good~~, a description of the vehicle ~~durable good~~, a first date at which ownership of the vehicle ~~durable good~~ is available, a second date at which ownership of the vehicle ~~durable good~~ expires, and an estimation of a value of the vehicle ~~durable good~~ at the second date.

137. (Previously Presented) The method of claim 133 further comprising:

receiving a plurality of terms associated with executing the agreement;  
transmitting an acceptance of the plurality of terms; and  
transmitting an acceptance of the agreement.

138. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 133 further comprising:

transmitting a request for information associated with at least one of the plurality of transmitted futures contracts; and  
receiving the information.

139. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 133 further comprising:

transmitting a request to compare at least two of the plurality of transmitted futures contracts; and

receiving a comparison of the at least two of the plurality of transmitted futures contracts.

140. (Currently Amended) The method of claim 133 further comprising:

receiving the vehicle ~~durable good~~ at the future date, in which the vehicle ~~durable good~~ is associated with the selected futures contract.